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Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In June, Qwest will submit an application to the Federal Communications Commission to enter the long distance market in Iowa. I want to express my support for Qwest's application.

I commend the collaborative efforts and extensive testing that have led to this application. The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) brought together all of the companies in lows to resolve problems, and worked with 12 other states to oversee extensive testing of the competitive environment. The IUB has reviewed Qwest's activities related to each of the 14 competitive points outlined in the Act and issued reports indicating that Qwest has indeed conditionally met those competitive points.

As is the case across our nation, telecommunications will play a vital role in Iowa's future. Your timely consideration of Qwest's application to provide long distance service to my constituents will be greatly appreciated in the State of Iowa. Thank you.

Sincerely.

Leonard L. Boswell Member of Congress

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